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Mobile home residents see trouble down the road

SANTIAGO VILLA OFFERS MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING — BUT FOR HOW LONG?

By Mark Noack

Just a stroll from Google, LinkedIn and the NASA Ames Research Center, the mobile-home park tucked at the end of Space Park Way might be the true marvel of Mountain View's North Bayshore neighborhood. For years, Santiago Villa has offered a sanctuary of cheaper housing in the epicenter of the city's tech hub.

Over the decades, through the rise and fall of countless Silicon Valley tech firms, life at the Santiago Villa Park has remained remarkably unchanged. Most

residents, many of whom have lived in the park for decades, rent their home's space for \$800 to \$900 a month, remarkably low for the local rental market.

"You just have to explain to folks that, yes, there is actually a housing community tucked back in North Bayshore," joked Lanlande Stokke, a Safeway employee living with her family at Santiago Villa.

But the high-price of living in Mountain View appears to be catching up to the factory-built community and its more than

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Marcos Vasquez said he worries that rising rent is keeping him from selling his mobile home at Santiago Villa.

Google restructures under new name: Alphabet

DESPITE SHAKE UP, NO IMMEDIATE CHANGES EXPECTED IN COMPANY'S PRESENCE IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

By Mark Noack

Google announced a major shake up this week as company founders announced the creation of a new holding company called Alphabet Inc. to oversee and manage the Mountain View tech giant's

various ventures.

As part of the change, longtime Google CEO Larry Page said he would hand over the reins of the company's mainstay search engine division to the company's product chief, Sundar Pichai. Meanwhile, Page and co-founder Sergey Brin are becoming

the new CEO and president at Alphabet.

Explaining the change in a company blog post Monday, Page said the new company was created to improve transparency and control over the company's diverse business ventures. Google, which started in 1998

with an innovative web search algorithm, is today considered a leader in dozens of different fields, including self-driving cars, drone package delivery and anti-aging research.

In Mountain View, the announcement came as big, albeit cryptic news. With more

than 11,000 employees in town and plans to add many more in near future, Google plays a significant role in the city. A Google spokesperson said the company has no plans to leave Mountain View, and it would

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Your sales tax dollars hard at work ... somewhere else

MAJORITY OF COUNTY-WIDE SALES TAX DOLLARS FUNNELED TO EAST BAY BART EXTENSION

By Kevin Forestieri

It's no secret that traffic in Santa Clara County is bad and getting worse, as an influx of new residents and new jobs strains roadways throughout the Bay Area.

As county officials test the waters on a 2016 sales tax measure to alleviate some of these

traffic woes, one county supervisor points out that past county-wide tax measures have done little to help the residents in North County and West Valley cities, who don't benefit much when sales tax dollars are routed to fund BART improvements.

County Supervisor Joe Simitian collected data from the county and the Valley Transportation

Authority (VTA) to find out how revenue from the past two 30-year transportation measures — the 2000 Measure A half-cent sales tax and the 2008 Measure B eighth-cent sales tax — has been spent throughout the county. Nearly 80 percent of those funds, or \$3.65 billion, has gone straight into extending BART to San Jose through the East Bay.

"For 15 years now, BART to San Jose has been dragging away 80 percent of the funds, and I think we're seeing the consequences of that as the economy heats up," Simitian said.

Traffic getting worse

Traffic comes to a crawl during commute hours on most of the major thoroughfares along

the Peninsula. Reports from Caltrans identified the evening southbound commute along Highway 85 as one of the worst in the area, receiving an "F" rating this year for traffic density from Central Expressway to Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale. Other southbound alternatives

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What do you wish you had learned in high school?



“Psychology. I think it’s something that, at least in my school, was not taught a lot and it’s something that is so crucial for life and interactions with people.”

Julia Bagdonaite,
Vilnius, Lithuania



“Linear algebra. Just because it’s something I never wanted to take after high school, and if I’d taken it in high school, I think it’s something I would have used.”

Brian Mumaw, San Jose



“I would have liked to learn Zumba, but since it’s a pretty new phenomenon, I would have been happy with more dance lessons in general.”

Connie Lo, San Jose



“Photography. The world now revolves around images and photos, and it would be nice to know how to actually use lighting and aperture and all those other camera settings.”

Buck Stevens,
Townsville, Australia



“I wish I had better opportunities to learn foreign languages like Mandarin or Russian. They’re extremely useful now, from a modern perspective.”

Kathleen Scheiderich, San Jose

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CRIME BRIEFS

OFFICER PUNCHED AT CHEVY'S

A 55-year-old transient man was arrested in Mountain View over the weekend after he allegedly punched an officer in the face at a Chevy's.

Officers were called to the restaurant at 2116 W. El Camino Real on Saturday, Aug. 10, at 1:18 p.m. following reports of an aggressive panhandler. When officers attempted to search the man, identified as Salvador Hernandez, he turned around and punched one of the officers in the face, according to police spokeswoman Shino Tanaka.

The officer was not injured, but Hernandez did receive minor injuries to his hand, Tanaka said. He was transported to a local hospital, then booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail on charges of assaulting a police officer.

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POLICE LOG

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1000 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 8/6
400 block National Av., 8/7
400 block Hope St., 8/7
1900 block W. El Camino Real, 8/9
200 block S. Rengstorff Av., 8/11

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500 block S Rengstorff Av., 8/5
1 block Dalma Dr., 8/5
1300 block Dale Av., 8/7
600 block Bryant Av., 8/10
100 block Calderon Av., 8/10

BATTERY

1900 block Springer Rd., 8/9

ROBBERY

100 block N. Rengstorff Av., 8/9

COMMERCIAL BURGLARY

200 block San Antonio Cir., 8/7
100 block E. Dana St., 8/10

STOLEN VEHICLE

800 block San Vernon Av., 8/5
1100 block San Antonio, 8/6
500 block Taylor Ct., 8/6
700 block E. Evelyn Av., 8/7

GRAND THEFT

600 block N. Whisman Rd., 8/5
700 block N. Shoreline Blvd., 8/10
300 block Palo Alto Av., 8/11

VANDALISM

2100 block Old Middlefield Way., 8/6
200 block Ortega Av., 8/10

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SIMITIAN'S SIDEWALK OFFICE HOURS

If you're looking to raise questions and concerns about local government while picking up some organic peaches, look no further than Santa Clara Supervisor Joe Simitian's sidewalk office hours. Simitian will be answering questions from community members at a number of local farmers markets this month.

Simitian will hold office hours at the Mountain Farmers Market on 600 W. Evelyn Ave. from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 23.

He will also be stationed at the Los Altos Farmers Market on State Street, between 2nd and 4th streets, on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

"I look forward to talking to people one-on-one," said Simitian in a statement. "Sidewalk office hours give both the public and me a chance to interact in an informal, neighborhood atmosphere. It's helpful to hear first-hand what folks have on their minds so we can address any issues."

Simitian also plans to hold office hours at the Sunnyvale, Saratoga, and Cupertino farmers markets. All are welcome, and no appointment is required.

For additional dates and times, or to contact the supervisor outside of the sidewalk office hours events, go to his website at supervisorsimitian.com or call his office phone number at (408) 299-5050.

—Carl Sibley

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROGRAM –
MEASURE G**

The Mountain View Whisman School District invites statements of qualifications from qualified firms to provide architectural services for Measure G Bond Program for five (5) of the District's elementary schools and other projects to be determined.

Interested firms should submit one (1) unbound and five (5) bound originals of requested materials to:

**RFQ for Architectural Services
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All statements of qualifications must be received on or before: **2:00 PM, September 8, 2015.**

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Belle Tuttle, along with dogs Kona and Lola, walks at McKelvey Park on Tuesday. This winter, a major overhaul of the park is set to start.

McKelvey Park flood basin on the horizon

By Kevin Forestieri

McKelvey Park is just months away from a complete makeover. The Santa Clara Valley Water District is slated to begin construction of an 18-foot deep basin across several acres of the park starting in January, transforming the popular baseball park to do double-duty as a diversion pit for Permanente Creek floodwater.

The park is one of two locations that, over the next two years, will become a new flood detention basin — a huge bowl-shaped area

of land that will divert floodwater away from homes and businesses in the event of significant rainfall. Detention basins are seen as an effective alternative to widening creeks and raising floodwalls in heavily developed areas like Mountain View.

While rain of any amount has been scarce in recent years, water district officials say the basins will get thousands of Mountain View residents out of a potential flood zone — and out of having to pay for flood insurance, which costs residents an average of \$1,200 each year.

The design of McKelvey Park, which was approved by Mountain View City Council in 2013, includes a mini-park bordering Mountain View Avenue as well as reconstruction of the two baseball fields. Trade-offs include the loss of 24 parking spaces, which will push traffic out to neighboring streets during big baseball games, and the loss of 20 heritage trees, according to city reports.

The park will have sloping ramps down to the baseball fields as well as a sloped

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LASD narrows down new school options

By Kevin Forestieri

After months of soliciting public opinion from hundreds of district parents and residents, the Los Altos School District may finally have a firm handle on what the public wants to do with \$150 million in Measure N bond money.

A report by Mountain View-based Conteneo aggregated feedback from public and online

The support for the purchasing new land didn't come without a healthy level of skepticism.

meetings attended by mostly dis-

trict parents, including families enrolled in Bullis Charter School, and found that buying land for a new school and relocating the charter school to a new site were both palatable options.

The public meetings mark the latest effort by the school district to address enrollment growth, as hundreds of new students crowd existing schools and cause traffic

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A change of pace for teen mental health

DISTRICT HIRES NEW STAFF TO COORDINATE THERAPY FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District has picked one of its own long-time behavioral therapist to head the district's mental health services starting this year, bringing some in-house leadership to student wellness efforts.

Susan Flatmo, who has been working with the district for 10 years as a therapist, was hired last month as the district's clinical services coordinator, a new position designed to oversee, train and coordinate all of the district's mental health services. It's a change of pace for the district, which has traditionally contracted out all its mental health services.

There is a growing demand from students for mental health services in the district, Flatmo said. While it's not entirely clear whether more students in the district are suffering from depression and anxiety, or if they are just more willing to openly address it, she said students are experiencing higher levels of stress.

"For all kids, the pressure has been building up for a while," Flatmo said.

Earlier this year, results from the California Healthy Kids survey for 2013-14 revealed that anywhere from 14 to 17 percent of students reported that they had seriously considered suicide in the last year, and more than a quarter of the student respondents were dealing with chronic sadness and hopelessness.

The district currently provides mental health services to roughly 620 students each year, Flatmo said, including weekly on-campus therapy meetings in discreet locations through a 12-week cycle.

Superintendent Jeff Harding said mental health services continue to be a top priority for the district, and called hiring a new

coordinator a step in the right direction. With the new leadership role, he said the district provides a better safety net to make sure no one falls through the cracks.

"This is about our commitment to have all of our students remain safe and well-adjusted and to cope with the challenges they face," Harding said.

As the clinical services coordinator, Flatmo said she will be helping to establish a new, district-wide wellness plan and improve student outreach. One of her goals, she said, is to better address the needs of truants who struggle to make it to school because they are overwhelmed with anxiety and stomach aches.

She said the district will implement a new process where students can refer themselves and others for mental health support through text messaging.

"It's the next step in empowering kids to take care of themselves and each other," Flatmo said.

Before taking over as the coordina-

tor this year, Flatmo was in a peculiar situation. She had taken a leadership role at the district training other therapists and clinicians, in addition to working directly with students. But because she was working as a consultant with the district, rather than as an employee, there were limits to what she could do, according to Associate Superintendent Brigitte Sarraf. Flatmo could not hold the district's therapists and CHAC interns accountable, nor was she accountable to the district office, Sarraf said.

"For a while now we have felt that it was too important a job to be left in the hands of an outside consultant over whom, by nature of their consultancy status, we have little control," Sarraf said in an email.

For the last decade, Flatmo said

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RAY SHACKELFORD

A car was torn to pieces in a solo-vehicle crash that closed Central Expressway for nearly seven hours on Tuesday.

Man critically injured in car crash

A man was in critical condition after his vehicle struck a tree on eastbound Central Expressway just outside of Mountain View on Tuesday morning.

Police received multiple 911 calls just before 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, reporting that a car struck a tree in the median between Bernardo and Mary avenues, according to Mountain View police. When officers arrived, the man was trapped in the driver's seat and had to be extricated from the vehicle, described as a black, four-

door 2008 Mazda 6.

Ray Shackelford, a San Jose resident, said he was driving along Central after dropping family members off at the airport, and came upon the scene of the crash moments before first responders arrived. He said the car must have been going fast, and appeared to have hit the curb and smashed into a tree sideways. He described the car as completely obliterated and said the front end was resting about 25 to 30 feet in front of the rest of the car.

Clothes and other belong-

ings from the car were scattered all over both directions of the expressway, Shackelford said.

The car's driver was taken to a local hospital, where he was in critical condition on Tuesday, police said. Lanes were closed in both directions while police investigated the crash, and didn't reopen until 1:40 p.m.

Police are asking anyone who witnessed the incident to call traffic officer Lloyd Curns at 650-903-6762 and refer to case number 15-4718. ■

—Kevin Forestieri



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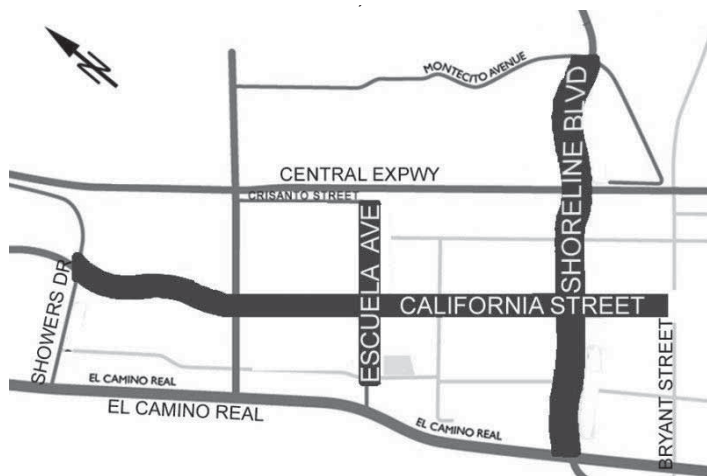
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ALPHABET

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continue to grow its operations here.

City leaders say they learned of the company's plans on Monday, Aug. 10, just like everyone else. It doesn't look like the news signals any change for the company's relationship with Mountain View, said Councilman Mike Kasperzak.

"The obvious questions here is, does this have any implications on the day-to-day realities of Mountain View," he said. "My supposition is that it does not."

In his post, Page explained that restructuring the company would provide better management scale by running unrelated projects independently. Each mini-company underneath Alphabet would have its own CEO and leadership organization.

Meanwhile Alphabet is remarkably lean, with just four employees based out of Google's Mountain View offic-

es. Google officials pointed to Warren's Buffet's firm Berkshire Hathaway as another example of a skeletal holding company that controls diverse branches and has enormous capital clout.

For now, company officials said the Google arm of the company would be "slimmed down" but would still include the search engine, advertising, maps, apps and Android smartphone divisions. Other Google ventures would be restructured directly under Alphabet, such as home automation (Nest), biotech (Calico) and urban planning (Sidewalk).

"For Sergey and me this is a very exciting new chapter in the life of Google — the birth of Alphabet," Page wrote.

"We liked the name Alphabet because it means a collection of letters that represent language, one of humanity's most important innovations, and is the core of how we index with Google search!" ■

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MENTAL HEALTH

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the district has been contracting with licensed therapists for mental health services rather than hiring new staff, which she said hasn't been a problem because turnover is pretty minimal. She said it's important for students going through therapy to have consistency year-to-year with the same therapist, and the district has done its part to make sure the therapists stick around, even if they aren't district employees.

"The district pays contractors very well so that they want to keep working here," Flatmo said.

Harding, who joined the district earlier this year, said his vision for mental health is to foster a culture on campus where students are looking out for each other and all have at least one significant adult on campus they can talk to.

"It's about finding balance in their lives so school doesn't have that 'pressure cooker' feel to it," Harding said. ■

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MOBILE HOME PARK

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350 households. Residents say they are seeing troubling signs — rents for spaces bought by new residents have doubled just over the recent months. Meanwhile, the owner of the park, VG Investments, is buying mobile homes and leasing them out at much higher prices.

Marcos Vasquez, a seven-year resident at the park, says he has been hammered by rent increases in recent months as he has been trying to sell his mobile home. He owns two homes at the park, including one previously owned by his mother-in-law, so it made sense to sell his home, he said.

After he put one of his homes on the market in June, VG Investments management indicated that any new buyer would have to pay a space rent of \$1,800 per month — about twice what Vasquez is currently paying. Earlier this month, that number climbed to \$2,000 per month.

“Clearly they’re taking advantage because of all the high-tech companies and workers around,” Vasquez said. “We get a lot of guys that come in and look at the house and they like it. But when they learn they’re going to have to pay \$24,000 a year to live here, they get scared away.”

VG Investments did not return the *Voice’s* calls seeking comment.

It should be noted that mobile home parks operate differently than other types of housing. Typically, a prospective resident must purchase a mobile home, much like a traditional house mortgage. However, the new homeowner must also pay a



MICHELLE LE

Santiago Villa is an enclave of over 350 mobile homes located near Google’s Mountain View campus.

monthly rent for the space, facilities and maintenance provided by the park management.

Vasquez said he ended up lowering the asking price for his mobile home to \$249,000. As VG Investments was notching up the new rent on his space — deterring other buyers, Vasquez adds — the park management approached him with their own purchase offer of \$200,000, which outraged Vasquez because he felt like he was being pressured to take their deal.

Vasquez’s family was also hit with a rent increase on the mobile home they inherited from his mother-in-law. Since his mother-in-law no longer lives there, park managers argued that

Vasquez and his wife needed to sign a new contract. The new rent for that home would double to \$2,000, they were told.

“(The owners) must feel like this is a goldmine for them, and I want the rest of the community to realize what they’re doing,” Vasquez said.

Residents like Vasquez are forbidden from subletting homes — only park management may rent out homes it owns. Right next door to Vasquez, VG Investments is renting out a similar home for \$4,000 per month to a group of Google employees, he said. Other residents at the park estimate as many as 60 homes at Santiago Villa are currently being rented out by park owners

rather than being put back on the market.

Santiago Villa owner John Vidovich has had a rocky history with the longtime tenants at the park. The park previously served only tenants who were over 55 years old. But Vidovich changed that policy about 15 years ago at Santiago Villa as well as at Sahara Mobile Village, another Mountain View mobile-home park he owned. Much like today, long-time residents at the park grumbled at the time about younger professionals moving in with no qualms about paying rents twice the former going rate.

Many credit Vidovich and his park management for keeping rent increases modest around 3

to 5 percent per year. But the park owner has also weathered allegations over the years that his practices have amounted to harassing residents to move elsewhere.

Mara Salomon, a real estate agent who regularly brokers sales at Santiago Villa, suspects the park management has aspirations to transform the park into an upscale community. Up until recently, the park consisted almost entirely of retirees and blue-collar workers, she said. But in the last three years, home sales have been almost exclusively to the high-tech crowd from the neighboring office campuses.

“It’s like two different worlds — the two groups don’t intermingle very much,” she said. “Places are renting for \$3,500, \$4,000, even as high as \$4,500.”

Google software engineer Adam Zimmerman, 26, and his fiancée found the mobile home they rent at Santiago Villa from a Craigslist ad. The two-bedroom home is costing them about \$2,700 a month — quite a bargain compared to the price of apartments in Mountain View, he pointed out.

He estimates about two dozen Google employees live at the park, but workers from plenty of other tech companies are also in the neighborhood. In fact, his subset of co-worker-neighbors dub themselves the “Santi-ooglers” on a company email list used to trade neighborhood tips.

Zimmerman expressed amazement that more tech workers aren’t rushing to live at the park. Santiago Villa is so close to work that even biking doesn’t make sense, he said.

“When I describe this neighborhood to people, they keep asking, ‘What’s the catch?’ he said. “I have to tell them: There is no catch!” ■



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plug up quickly in the late afternoon. From 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., drivers can expect huge delays from University Avenue in Palo Alto to the Rengstorff Avenue exit, with average speeds peaking at a disappointing 29 miles per hour.

The northbound commute is also packed along most stretches of Highway 101, from San Jose through Palo Alto during the morning hours, exasperated by recent lane closures in Palo Alto for construction of the San Francisquito Creek bridge replacement project. In Mountain View, average speeds are as low as 13 miles per hour from Ellis Street to Rengstorff Avenue from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Even the "High Occupancy Vehicle" carpool lanes are at or approaching a poor level of service along major Bay Area highways, diminishing the incentive to carpool, according to the Caltrans report.

The problems are expected to get worse. Estimates from the state anticipate county-wide population growth of 353,000 over the next 20 years, and hundreds of thousands new jobs. Commute trips are expected to go up by 51 percent, but as it stands, Santa Clara County will only increase the capacity of its roadways by about 5 to 6 percent, according to a 2009 VTA study.

Measure A passed with just over 70 percent of the vote, and was intended to connect BART to Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara. But the tax measure also included language for providing light rail throughout the county, expansion and electrification of Caltrain, and increased rail and bus service. As of this year, \$3.3 billion of the \$4.2 billion collected since 2000 has been spent on BART.

Measure B was explicitly designed to help fund the BART extension, with the assurance that VTA would receive matching funds from the state and federal government for construction costs. The measure passed by only a fraction of a percent at 66.78 percent of the vote.

Benefits aren't shared

While transportation and traffic is indeed a regional issue, Simitian said there are pretty limited benefits of the BART extension to cities like Palo Alto, Mountain View and Los Altos, and West Valley cities including Saratoga and Cupertino.

"I tend to take a broader view on these transportation issues," Simitian said. "That being said, if we're going to ask taxpayers

to impose yet another tax on themselves, we should expect them to ask how this is going to relieve congestion."

Last month, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group published a poll showing how receptive county voters would be to a new sales tax measure for transportation improvements on the 2016 ballot. The ballot language proposed was similar to the Measure A sales tax and includes finishing the BART extension, traffic relief for the county's eight expressways, improved Caltrain service, and bike and pedestrian safety near schools.

The poll found that the measure would pass with a slim margin. Of the 750 likely voters polled, 68 percent said they would vote for a half-cent measure, whereas 71 percent said they would vote for a quarter-cent measure.

Data from the county shows that North County and West Valley residents have been reliable supporters of transportation measures in the past, pitching in nearly a quarter of the total votes in favor of Measure A and Measure B and providing 16.4 percent of the tax revenue. Simitian argued there ought to be a greater level of equity for the county districts that only get fringe benefits from the BART extension.

Gearing up for traffic upgrades

Mountain View could see a number of transportation improvements in the coming years, provided VTA can secure regional or state funds, including Caltrain grade separation projects and creek trail improvements.

Throughout the month of August, cities all over the county will be submitting proposals to VTA to improve traffic as part of the agency's Valley Transportation Plan, a long-range plan with to-be-determined funding. Mountain View's public works department staff could not provide the *Voice* with a list of new and updated projects for this year.

Previously submitted project proposals by the city include a \$71 million project to construct a grade separation that would sink Rengstorff Avenue underneath the Caltrain tracks, and a \$600,000 project to reconfigure the intersection at Miramonte Avenue and Park Drive.

Creek trail projects proposed by the city include a \$15 million extension of the Stevenson Creek Trail to Mountain View High School, as well as smaller improvements and extensions to both Permanente Creek and Stevens Creek trails. ■

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENT

The Mountain View Whisman School District will be interviewing 11 people on Aug. 18 who applied for the vacant seat on the school board, and will appoint the newest board member at the same meeting.

The special board meeting will take place at the district board room at 750-A San Pierre Way from 6 to 10 p.m., and will include brief candidate statements and a question and answer period for each applicant. Voting is expected to take place more than once to reduce the pool of candidates.

The board began the search process for a provisional appointment to the board after former board president Chris Chiang

resigned in June over fellow board member Steve Nelson's hostility towards the board and district staff.

The candidates for the board, many of whom are current and former district parents, include Peter Darrach, Sanjay Dave, Alain Fastre, Lisa Garcia, Jose Gutierrez, Julian Pardo De Zela, Tom Means, Christina Oran, Jill Rakestraw, Steve Sherman and Catherine Vonnegut.

—Kevin Forestieri

MONTE CARLO LOOKS TO GROW THE PARTY

Mountain View's Latin nightclub Monte Carlo wants to raise the roof — on its city-issued use permit.

In recent days, the downtown club at 228 Castro St. asked city officials for permission to host more people on more nights of the week than currently allowed. The

club is currently capped at 400 guests, but owners are hoping city staff will raise that limit to 600.

In addition, club owners are asking the city to allow them to open on Thursday nights. Currently, the Monte Carlo is only open for business Friday through Sunday.

In 2012, city officials signed off on a request from the Monte Carlo to expand its hours of operation to 1:30 a.m. Any new change to the club's activities would be decided by the city's zoning administrator. No date has been set for when the club's new request would be considered.

The Monte Carlo has had its share of bar fights, crime incidents and complaints from neighbors over the years. City planning officials indicated they would seek input from the police officials before making any decision on the nightclub's request.

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FLOOD BASIN

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parking lot. Once completed, in a so-called 100-year flood, McKelvey Park will be fully inundated, preventing use of the fields for weeks.

Construction of a detention basin at McKelvey Park will be paid for by the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and is expected to be completed in March 2017.

Two more detention basins are scheduled to begin construction upstream at Rancho San Antonio in April 2016. The basins will be roughly 12 acres in size and be 15 feet deep with mild slopes contouring the edges, and will be located north and west of the Gates of Heaven Cemetery in Los Altos, according to a water district report.

Between the three basins and some minor creek projects, roughly 2,400 properties in Mountain View will be pro-

tected from floods, according to a city staff report.

The McKelvey Park plans were a source of controversy and went through multiple designs before ultimately gaining favor with the City Council. Previous designs would have re-oriented the baseball fields and removed a row of redwood trees, prompting concerns about noise from nearby residents.

The detention basin is part of the larger, \$49 million Permanente Creek Flood Protection Project, which also provoked controversy and public outcry from residents in Mountain View and Los Altos, who questioned plans to build as many as four detention basins in the area.

The original flood protection plans, which have been in the works for over a decade, included building detention basins at Blach Intermediate School and Cuesta Park Annex. The Los Altos School District's board



COURTESY OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

A sunken ball field doubles as a detention basin in plans for McKelvey Park.

shot down the proposed Blach basin in early 2011, and residents in Mountain View and Los Altos hotly contested the idea of digging a 22-foot basin at the Annex, one of the few remaining undeveloped spots in the city.

Water district staff re-assessed its hydrology reports and found that the risk of a 100-year-flood wasn't quite as severe as they once thought, and determined that the basins at Blach

and Cuesta Park Annex that had caught so much heat weren't needed.

Former City Council member Jac Siegel, the sole dissenting vote on the McKelvey Park detention basin, expressed skepticism over the plans at the May 2013 meeting and said he wasn't convinced that the remaining basins were needed either.

During the election last year, former water district board of

director Brian Schmidt, who represented Mountain View and Los Altos, said it was clear the district could have done a better job communicating the changing scope of the projects as well as explaining the need for flood protection in the area, and that lengthy planning and design phases with multiple iterations ends up costing the district millions of dollars. ■

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congestion around some of the district's more packed campuses. Last year, voters approved Measure N with the assurance that the money will be used to deal with growing enrollment, likely through purchasing land for a new campus.

Other ideas that gained support at the public meetings include turning the district's two junior high schools — Blach and Egan — into middle schools, which would mean moving sixth grade out of the elementary schools to the two larger campuses. The shift would effectively free up space at all of the elementary schools, alleviating some of the crowding across the district.

Board president Steve Taglio said the results, for the most part, show the community wants to explore the same enrollment growth options that the board and district staff have been closely considering for the last year. Taglio said it was useful to learn which ideas the public felt shouldn't even be considered.

"Some of the ideas (without support) are actually more helpful in terms of how to move forward," Taglio said.

Participants showed a lack of support for relocating any existing Los Altos School District school, excluding Bullis Charter School, and did not support making the charter school's current two sites permanent.

Bullis Charter School is split between the Egan and Blach campuses, which has caused serious problems in the past. The

charter school and the district have spent millions of dollars in litigation against one another, mostly based on the charter school's claim that they have not been provided with adequate facilities.

Public input also showed a lack of support for building greater capacity at existing schools and maintaining the status quo, Taglio said.

Reconfiguring Covington

One favored idea that has been absent from most of the district's enrollment growth discussion is reconfiguring the Covington campus, one of the district's largest school sites and home to Covington Elementary School and the district office. Community input from the meetings showed people were interested in the idea of relocating the district office buildings and converting Covington to a two-school site.

Earlier this year, the district-appointed Facilities Master Plan Committee explored a number of different options for how to spend Measure G funds to address growing enrollment, and offered up a myriad of strategies, including some creative ideas like merging both junior high schools into a "mega" middle school site.

But when the committee presented to the board in March, the group's report did not include any in-depth analysis or consideration of the 16-acre Covington site. At the time, board members Pablo Luther and Tamara Logan expressed interest in taking a closer look at the Covington.

Taglio said changes to Cov-

ington are not off the table as a possible option, but that there's some trade-offs that would need to be considered. Squeezing two schools onto the campus means the district would not have to spend millions to acquire land, but could face very high construction costs to create a far more dense campus, he said.

The support for the purchasing new land didn't come without a healthy level of skepticism. The report shows that people were concerned about the availability of affordable land in the area, and questioned whether the cost of land acquisition would force the district to cut back on site improvements at other schools. Community members also felt unable to throw their support behind the idea of a new school site because they didn't have enough data from the district.

School district officials have largely favored purchasing a new school site north of El Camino Real, where the district's boundaries extend into the San Antonio area in Mountain View. The site would bring a local school to the hundreds of Mountain View students in the district who have to cross a major thoroughfare to get to class.

The district is currently in negotiations with the property owners of 201 San Antonio Circle in Mountain View. Last month, the Mountain View City Council voted in favor of contributing park funds to purchase adjacent land to expand a new school's park space. ■

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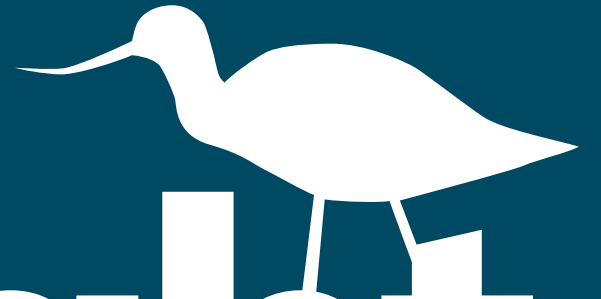
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City expo highlights local tech marvels

By Mark Noack

Police bots, self-driving cars and an array of new-fangled apps were set to take center-stage on Thursday, Aug. 13, for the first city-sponsored event to showcase tech innovation in Mountain View.

The Technology Showcase with live, hands-on demonstrations from industry powerhouses as well as the independent garage hopefuls, all from Mountain View, got a lot of early attention.

The number of people who registered for the event far exceeded the organizers' expectations, said the city's economic development manager, Alex Andrade. He said he now hopes the tech showcase can be an annual event.

"We have all these great businesses that are thinking creatively and innovatively," he said. "They're designing technology of the future and it's happening right in our backyard."

Among the exhibitors, local firm Knightscope planned to display two of its K5 Security Robots designed to autonomously patrol the streets and scan for crime. Boosted Boards and BesV was set to show off their latest electric skateboards and bicycles. And naturally,



VOICE FILE PHOTO

Google's self-driving car is among the local tech wonders at the city's first showcase event.

Google planned to bring out one of its latest self-driving cars.

In a sign the city is adapting with the times, the Mountain View Police Department used the event to showcase its latest gadgets, including body cameras and laser mapping for crime scenes.

More innovation was available on the software side. The masterminds at Hacker Dojo said they'd show off apps for photo-

animation sharing, among other things. The event also marked the debut of the nine finalists for its new Apps Challenge, a contest that invited coders to find ways to improve citizen engagement.

One of the finalists, father-and-son duo Eric and Mackay Wilcox, told the Voice about the prototype for their app, "Empowering the Unemployed."

The idea stemmed from Mack-

ay's eighth-grade project on poverty. The 14-year-old went to the Mountain View Day Worker Center to interviewed laborers and said he was surprised to find out that many of those vying for unskilled work had a wide breadth of specialized job skills. With the help of his father, who works as an IBM project designer, he designed the outlines of a program that would allow the Day Worker Center to better match workers for jobs.

"We thought we could make the job fit more into what people know how to do," Mackay said. "Our app would connect jobs with a person's skills."

Other submitted apps offered ways to improve emergency 911 calls, reward water conservation and track recycling. Software engineer Evan Kroske got the idea for his app, "Crystal Dragon Jesus," after he needed to dispose of old paint cans and couldn't find places to take them. His program would map out where residents could dispose of hazardous waste.

And what's the deal with that name Crystal Dragon Jesus?

"It was just the first thing that popped into my head," Kroske admitted. "It really has no relevance to me or my app." ▣

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Pentagon launches new Silicon Valley research outpost

MOFFETT FIELD OFFICE LOOKS TO TAP LOCAL TECH TALENT

By Mark Noack

The U.S. Department of Defense last week opened a new pilot office at Moffett Federal Airfield as part of a renewed effort by the military to partner up with Silicon Valley's tech talent.

The new office is being launched by the Defense Innovation Unit Experimental (DIUx), a new division created by Defense Secretary Ashton Carter in April, just weeks after he assumed office. In a press release last week, department officials described the new initiative as a "win-win" opportunity for local innovators to gain new development funding while helping the U.S. maintain military superiority and cybersecurity.

The U.S. military bureaucracy has a long history of providing the crucial funding and support for technologies that later changed the world on the consumer mar-

ket. Perhaps the most notable example, the basis for the modern-day internet was born in the 1960s from Defense Department research grants for packet network systems. The much-hyped current effort to develop self-driving cars originated from the 2004 "Grand Challenge" contest organized by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. Military officials also claim Siri — the Apple iOS voice-recognition software — grew out of decades of work to build a virtual field assistant for soldiers.

Speaking in April at Stanford University, Carter announced that by launching the new DIUx office, he wanted to further strengthen the relationship between the tech sector and military officials. The U.S. military remains a huge supporter for breakthrough research, providing about \$72 billion dollars in federal funding last year. But Carter said that 10 years of war

in Iraq and Afghanistan led the military to focus on immediate needs and lose sight on the global impact and proliferation of technology, he said.

"We in the Pentagon — to stay ahead — need to change ... we have to think outside of our five-sided box," he said. "To stay competitive and to stay ahead of threats, the Department of Defense must do even more. And that starts with our people, who are our most important asset, both in Silicon Valley and in the military."

The new Moffett Field office is being led by DIUx Director George Duchak and Rear Adm. Brian Hendrickson. In a press release, Defense Deputy Secretary Bob Work said the new office would be especially interested in tapping into local research on robotics, big data and analytics. More information can be found at defenseinnovationmarketplace.mil/ ▣

CRIME BRIEFS

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ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED

Police arrested a 26-year-old man after he allegedly took a shirt from a Walgreens store without paying, and threatened an employee who had asked him to pay for the shirt.

Thomas Steck, who is believed to be a transient, entered the Walgreens at 112 N. Rengstorff Avenue on Sunday, Aug. 9 at around 9 a.m. and allegedly grabbed a shirt from the store and attempted to leave without paying for it, according to police spokesperson Shino Tanaka.

When confronted by a store employee, Steck began flailing his arms as if he was going to hit him, and pushed another employee as he headed for the door, Tanaka said. He was seen leaving the area on a bike heading westbound on Central Expressway.

Officers later located Steck at Mayfield Avenue, and he was arrested on charges of robbery and possession of stolen property. He was booked into Santa Clara County Main Jail on a \$60,000 bail.

—Kevin Forestieri

MOUNTAIN VIEW VOICE Class Guide

The Class Guide is published quarterly by the Mountain View Voice, the Almanac and the Palo Alto Weekly.

As fall approaches, the summer's heat and excitement is replaced by a cool breeze. But don't succumb to the chill — there are many local classes and programs that can help maintain the energy. Whether you fancy yoga in the early morning, feel the inspiration to paint, or crave the challenge and artistry of ballet, businesses and organizations just down the street can help you keep the wheels turning. Don't let the opportunities that pique your interest pass you by. Rise up and make this fall season an invigorating and memorable one.

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2483 Old Middlefield Way, Suite B, Mountain View
650-861-0650
fortheloveofdancemv@gmail.com
www.fortheloveofdancemv.com
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1674 N. Shoreline Blvd., Suite 136, Mountain View
650-823-4703
grayson@zenithtutoring.com
www.zenithtutoring.com
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FALL ClassGuide

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295B Polaris Ave.,
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650-969-4614
director@pacificballet.org
www.pacificballet.org
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THE LIVELY SCHOOL

Mountain View Masonic Lodge,
890 Church St., Mountain View
650-969-4110
livelyfoundation@sbcglobal.net
livelyfoundation.org/
TheLivelySchool.html
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914 N. Rengstorff Ave., Unit A,
Mountain View
650-968-4455
www.westernballet.org
Western Ballet holds ballet classes that draw from the Vaganova method and the modern, "open" classical method. Classes are available for children, teens and adults and for both newcomers and those pursuing professional careers. The first day of the fall youth program will be on Sept. 8.

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2450 Charleston Road,
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www.rei.com/stores/mountain-view.html
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SHORELINE LAKE AQUATIC CENTER

3160 N. Shoreline Blvd.,
Mountain View
650-965-7474
boathouse@shorelinelake.com
www.shorelinelake.com
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DANCEATION

American Legion, 347 1st St.,
Los Altos
me@danceation.com
www.danceation.com
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JACKI'S AEROBIC DANCING

Mountain View Masonic Lodge,
890 Church St., Mountain View
650-941-1002
joanier@pacbell.net
www.jackis.com
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MOUNTAIN VIEW TENNIS

Cuesta Tennis Center, 685 Cuesta Drive,
Mountain View
650-967-5955
info@mountainviewtennis.net
www.mountainviewtennis.net
Taught by certified professionals, Mountain View Tennis' affordable programs for youth and adult tennis players of all abilities are held at a handful of locations throughout the city. The fall session starts on Sept. 5.

UNITED STATES YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE (USVYL)

Sylvan Park, 550 Sylvan Ave.,
Mountain View
310-212-7008
questions@usvyl.org
www.usvyl.org
Run by the USVYL and volunteers, the youth volleyball program allows boys and girls of all skill levels from ages 7 to 15 to play and learn the sport in a fun, supportive and co-ed environment. The fall season begins on Sept. 9 and lasts until Oct. 31.

Health & Fitness

BARRE3

4758 W. El Camino Real, Los Altos
650-481-8139
losaltos@barre3.com
www.barre3.com/locations/los-altos/
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1910 W. El Camino Real, Suite E,
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590 Castro St., Mountain View
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info@yogaisyouth.com
www.yogaisyouth.com

Yoga is Youthfulness offers classes for students of all levels daily, including early in the morning and in the evenings. Classes teach ashtanga, iyengar, and vinyasa/hatha styles of yoga, among other subjects like prenatal yoga.

Just for Seniors

MOUNTAIN VIEW SENIOR CENTER

266 Escuela Ave., Mountain View
650-903-6330

senior.center@mountainview.gov
www.mountainview.gov/seniors

The Mountain View Senior Center offers a wide array of classes exploring topics and activities such as art, music, computer use, dance and exercise. Jean Elvin, a certified Feldenkrais practitioner, also teaches a regular course on movement and awareness at the center.



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The Silicon Valley Shambhala Meditation Center holds practice meditation sessions each week. The center also organizes courses, retreats and contemplative art activities.

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398 Main St., Los Altos
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COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND ARTS

Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View
650-917-6800

info@arts4all.org | www.arts4all.org

The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) offers classes year-round in music, visual and digital arts, with courses suited for adults and children as young as preschool-age. The fall semester for music, art and preschool classes begins in September.

CUSTOM HANDWEAVERS

2263 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View
650-967-0831

webemit@sbcglobal.net

www.customhandweavers.com

Ongoing classes — both day and evening sessions — are offered in weaving, knitting and spinning for students at all levels of experience.

PENINSULA YOUTH THEATRE

2500 Old Middlefield Way, Mountain View
650-988-8798

info@pytnet.org | www.pytnet.org
Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT) offers drama classes in acting, musical theater and other skills to children of various abilities and ages. It also puts on a number of productions featuring youth at local venues.

SAVVY CELLAR WINES

750 W. Evelyn Ave., Mountain View
650-969-3958

info@savvycellar.com
www.savvycellar.com

Savvy Cellars Wines has classes that highlight regional wines, pair wines with food and introduce wine tasting to novices. Students must be 21 or older to attend.

TUMASOV FINE ART STUDIO

823 W. El Camino Real, Mountain View
415-490-8925

tumasovfineartstudio@gmail.com
www.tumasovfineart.com

The studio offers workshops and art classes in painting, drawing, ceramics, metalworking and more, as well as an after-school art program for kids.

WEST VALLEY MUSIC

262 Castro St., Mountain View
650-961-1566

info@westvalleymusic.com
www.westvalleymusic.com

West Valley Music helps students further their music skills or try their hand at different instruments. Group lessons and private lessons are offered for instruments such as the piano, guitar, ukulele, violin, cello and flute.

Parent education

EL CAMINO HOSPITAL CHILDBIRTH AND PARENTING CLASSES

Women's Hospital, 2500 Grant Road, Mountain View
650-988-3200

www.elcaminohospital.org/Womens_Health/Pregnancy_Childbirth

El Camino Hospital holds classes specifically for expecting mothers, mothers, their spouses and children. Subjects include childbirth preparation, breastfeeding preparation and infant safety. Support groups are also organized.

School days

ACTION DAY PRIMARY PLUS

333 Eunice Ave., Mountain View
650-967-3780
mtview@actiondayprimaryplus.com
www.actiondayprimaryplus.com
Action Day Primary Plus in Mountain View serves infants and children in preschool and kindergarten. The school offers enrichment activities and extended day care, and its facilities are spacious.

BUILDING KIDZ

250 E. Dana St., Mountain View
650-967-8000
www.buildingkidzschool.com
Building Kidz School provides infant, preschool and kindergarten care that encourages children's physical, social and cognitive development.

EMERSON SCHOOL

2800 W. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto
650-424-1267
emersonschool@headsip.org
headsip.org/emerson-school/
Emerson School provides a full-day, year-round program for grades one to eight, teaching a personalized, Montessori curriculum. Lessons draw from classical subjects and other areas, including art, music, foreign language, physical education, communication, life skills and more.

GERMAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF SILICON VALLEY

310 Easy St., Mountain View
650-254-0748
office@gissv.org
www.gissv.org/locations/mountain_view
The German International School of Silicon Valley is a private school providing preschool to high school students with a bilingual education. The school also offers German language courses for all ages on Saturdays, as well as adult and corporate courses on weekdays.

HEADSUP! CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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3900 Fabian Way, Palo Alto
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www.kehillah.org
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PALO ALTO PREP SCHOOL

2462 Wyandotte St., Mountain View
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lisa@paloaltoprep.com
www.paloaltoprep.com
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WALDORF SCHOOL OF THE PENINSULA

Mountain View Campus, 180 N. Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View
650-417-7600
mwoffice@waldorfpenninsula.org
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Waldorf School of the Peninsula serves children from nursery up through high school. Areas of focus include fostering self-discipline, critical thinking, independence and cooperation, creative expression and a love of learning.

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310 Easy St., Mountain View
650-903-0986
info@sv.ycef.com | www.ycis-sv.com
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333 Moffett Blvd., Mountain View

650-940-1333
adulted@mvla.net
www.mvla.net/MVLA_Adult_Education/

The MV-LA Adult School offers courses in arts and crafts, computer skills, vocational skills, English as a second language, music, dance, needlework, family education, physical fitness and more. The school also has a high school diploma and GED programs. The fall session begins on Sept. 1.

The Class Guide is published quarterly in the Palo Alto Weekly, Mountain View Voice and Menlo

Park Almanac. Descriptions of classes offered in Palo Alto, Mountain View, Los Altos and beyond are provided. Listings are free and subject to editing. Due to space constraints, classes held in the above cities are given priority.

To inquire about submitting a listing for the Class Guide, email Editorial Assistant Sam Sciolla at ssciolla@pawebly.com or call 650-223-6515. To place a paid advertisement in the Class Guide, call the display advertising department at 650-326-8210.

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FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL
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Mountain View Whisman School District



Mountain View Whisman School District today announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price meals for children served under the *National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program*. Each school and/or the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free, reduced-price, or full-price meal benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown here are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Children who receive Food Stamp (FS), California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs),

Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments (Kin-GAP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits are automatically eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside. Eligibility for a foster child is based on a separate application and solely on the amount of the child's "personal use" income.

Free Eligibility Scale – Meals, Snacks, and Milk

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$15,301	\$1,276	\$ 638	\$ 589	\$ 295
2	20,709	1,726	863	797	399
3	26,117	2,177	1,089	1,005	503
4	31,525	2,628	1,314	1,213	607
5	36,933	3,078	1,539	1,421	711
6	42,341	3,529	1,765	1,629	815
7	47,749	3,980	1,990	1,837	919
8	53,157	4,430	2,215	2,045	1,023
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Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). "USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."

Applications are available Via the Website at: www.ez-mealapp.com Information on how to go to the web site and a letter informing all households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for enrolled children will be sent to all households via Parent e-mail through each school site. Paper applications are also available at all school site main office.

To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits, households must complete an application and return it to the school for processing. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used to determine meal eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or program officials.

Requirements for school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits are as follows: For households receiving Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits – applications need only include the enrolled child(ren)'s name, Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR case number, and the signature of an adult household member. For households who do not list a Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR case

number, the application must include the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the signature and corresponding Social Security number of an adult household member. If the household member who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, the household member must indicate on the application that a Social Security number is not available.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, the determining official(s), as designated by the sponsor/agency, shall review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the eligibility ruling may discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents may also make a formal request for an appeal hearing of the decision and may do so orally or in writing with the sponsor/agency's hearing official. Parents or guardians should contact their child(ren)'s school(s) for specific information regarding the name of the determining official and/or hearing official for a specific school, agency, or district.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the house-

hold size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if the household's income falls at or below the levels shown above.

Sponsors/agencies that use direct certification should add the following paragraph to their public release:

Households that receive Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits may not have to complete an *Application for Free or Reduced-Price Meals or Free Milk*. School officials will determine eligibility for free meals based on documentation obtained directly from the Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR office that a child is a member of a household currently receiving Food Stamp or FDPIR benefits or an assistance unit receiving CalWORKs or Kin-GAP benefits. School officials will notify households of their eligibility, but those who do not want their child(ren) to receive free meals must contact the school. Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, and FDPIR households should complete an application if they are not notified of their eligibility by Aug. 26th 2015

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For more information, contact:
 Erika Navarro: 650-526-3557, 750 "S" San Pierre Way, Mountain View, CA 94043

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Household Size	Weekly		Every Two Weeks		Twice Per Month		Monthly		Annual	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
1	\$ 295	\$ 419	\$ 589	\$ 838	\$ 638	\$ 908	\$1,276	\$1,815	\$15,301	\$21,775
2	399	567	797	1,134	863	1,228	1,726	2,456	20,709	29,471
3	503	715	1,005	1,430	1,089	1,549	2,177	3,098	26,117	37,167
4	607	863	1,213	1,726	1,314	1,870	2,628	3,739	31,525	44,863
5	711	1,011	1,421	2,022	1,539	2,190	3,078	4,380	36,933	52,559
6	815	1,159	1,629	2,318	1,765	2,511	3,529	5,022	42,341	60,255
7	919	1,307	1,837	2,614	1,990	2,832	3,980	5,663	47,749	67,951
8	1,023	1,455	2,045	2,910	2,215	3,152	4,430	6,304	53,157	75,647
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